

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Serve DC

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps Grants

NOTICE: ATTENDANCE AT A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25, 2006 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.; NOVEMBER 1, 2006 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.; NOVEMBER 8, 2006 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.; NOVEMBER 16, 2006 FROM 2:00 TO 3:30 P.M. and PLEASE SEE THE REMAINDER OF THIS NOFO FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Summary: Serve DC announces the availability of AmeriCorps grant funds for fiscal year 2007 - 2008 to eligible organizations. Serve DC anticipates federal funding for new AmeriCorps programs for fiscal year 2007-2008. New applicants with high-quality proposals will compete locally with other new programs. Serve DC has a maximum of \$500,000 available in local formula funds.

Serve DC seeks to fund high-quality AmeriCorps programs that will address citywide goals and the priorities of the District of Columbia's Strategic Plan by mobilizing residents as volunteers and AmeriCorps members to:

- 1.) To become more civically engaged in their communities;
- 2.) Include persons with disabilities; and
- 3.) Be prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster.

AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other human needs. Within these five issue areas, programs may submit proposals that address specific problems of local communities.

**Criteria for eligible applicants:** Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations and state and local units of government (other than state education agencies). Programs applying to Serve DC for funding must operate the program only within the District of Columbia.

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The application guidelines and instructions (RFA) will be released on October 16, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. **The deadline for submission is November 30, 2006, by 5:00 pm.** Applications must be entered in to CNCS eGrants system. Late applications will not be accepted. An application is considered late at 5:01 p.m.

The technical assistance sessions schedule is as follows: October 25, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; November 1, 2006; November 8, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and November 18, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at locations **TBA**. Please call Lawanda Pelzer at 202-727-7925 to RSVP for a training session and for exact training locations.

Applications guidelines and instructions can be obtained from 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 1140 North, Washington, DC 20001 or by visiting [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov). For additional information please call John Savage, AmeriCorps Program Officer, at 202-727-7925 or emailing [servedc1@dc.gov](mailto:servedc1@dc.gov).

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